

January 18, 2005
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner
Brady Wooten- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
James Graham- County Attorney
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board

Chairman Swaim called the meeting to order. Commissioner Phillips led the invocation. Student from East Bend Elementary led the pledge of allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Tiffany, Chelsea and Elizabeth spoke of activities and accomplishments at East Bend School.

Public Hearing-Zoning

Chairman Swaim opened the public hearing and recognized Kim Bates, Zoning Supervisor.

Mr. Bates presented three zoning amendments:

- Rebecca and Joseph Tomlin, petition withdrawn
- Paul Wayne Myers, rezone property located at 4849 Old US 421 East from highway business to rural agriculture; approved by Planning Board.
- Bobby Bauguess, rezone property at 135 Mt Pleasant Church Road from rural agriculture to community business; approved by the Planning Board.

Donnie Kartes stated he wants to purchase the property from Bobby Bauguess to open an auto repair business.

Eric Bray, Messick Road, expressed concerns of a junkyard near the property and just wanted some reassurance that Mr. Kartes would keep the area organized.

Mr. Kartes stated he would be very professional.

Chairman Swaim closed the public hearing.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the zoning amendments as recommended by the Planning Board. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Public Hearing-EMS

Chairman Swaim opened the public hearing for EMS.

Mr. Wood reviewed the proposal concerning EMS. The project would include three new outpost stations.

James Collins, EMS, stated he has been an employee of Yadkin County for sixteen years and that Yadkin County has the best-trained paramedics and best equipment in North Carolina. He stated EMS personnel are constantly training but training space is very limited. Most EMS personnel work a 24/48 schedule. He understands that the budget is tight, but these needs, if met, will help serve the citizens of Yadkin County and assist EMS personnel to be better prepared to perform their jobs. He also commented that most EMS employees live in Yadkin County.

Ricky Doub, East Bend, stated Yadkin County has the most dedicated EMS personnel and the proposal will meet much needed issues.

Wayne Matthews, Chief, Yadkin County Rescue, stated the proposal is very solid and addresses the needs of EMS.

C.E. Robertson, Swan Creek, asked if EMS is profitable and inquired about the fees collected?

Brent Hawks, Operations Director, stated the county collected \$704,000 in 2004. The collection rate for EMS is very good.

Mr. Wood stated the fees collected are deposited in the general fund.

Jeannette Loggins stated EMS personnel are not appreciated like they should be. She stated you do not realize what they do until you have to call on them. Yadkin County needs to support our EMS personnel.

Bud Matthews, Yadkin County Fire & Rescue, commented that Yadkin County's EMS is the best in the state. Yadkin County needs to support the EMS.

Peggy Boose, Boonville, questioned if the loan would be for the EMS project or would other projects be included?

Mr. Wood stated there is a project over budget and they would like to include that amount.

Ms. Boose asked what was the other project and how much?

Mr. Wood stated \$299,000 and it would be for the animal shelter.

Chairman Swaim closed the public hearing.

Chairman Swaim recognized Tim Parks, Executive Party Chairman.

Mr. Parks presented the recommendation of Leon Casstevens to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners.

Public comments

Yancy St. John, Swan Creek, discussed with the Board the Swan Creek interchange and requested a more positive resolution from the Board in support of the project.

C. E. Robertson, Swan Creek, stated that anything west of I-77 gets pushed to the side. He too requested a positive response from the Board regarding the Swan Creek interchange. Mr. Robertson also stated the Board needs to be more supportive of the wineries in the county.

Jimmy Steelman, Hamptonville, discussed the letters written by Forbush High School students and did not think it was appropriate for students to write the letters. He also commented about Bobby Todd's statement regarding education being on high on businesses criteria when looking for sites. He supports the Board on rescinding the loan for the schools.

Dianne Doub, East Bend, discussed the animal shelter and the letters from Forbush High School.

Alice Singh, Humane Society President, presented the Animal Welfare Act and requested to be on the agenda February 7th. She also presented the Board with several demands regarding issues at the animal shelter. She requested the Board allocate up to \$500 to cover medical bills for two dogs at the shelter.

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***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the minutes with the addition. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Register of Deeds-personnel

Karen Wagoner, Register of Deeds, presented the Board with a request to add a full-time position in her office to help with the workload.

Commissioner Phillips inquired how much would this person cost?

Ms. Wagoner stated she did not have that information but would get it for the Board.

Richmond Hill Law School- board appointment

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion appoint Avonelle Vestal to the Richmond Hill Law School Commission. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Resolution – New election

RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO A SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION

WHEREAS, Yadkin County is one of 100 counties in the state of North Carolina dedicated to the principles of accountability and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Elections Department operated an efficient and accurate election process during the November 2004 elections; and

WHEREAS, to run a statewide election would cost North Carolinians over three million dollars and the Yadkin County taxpayers an estimated \$5,000 in unbudgeted funds; and

WHEREAS, this type of unfunded mandate would place a financial burden on Yadkin County and its taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the order from the North Carolina State Board of Election to hold a new statewide election for North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner that would create a funding burden on Yadkin County as well as all North Carolina counties.

This the 18th day of January 2005.

D.C. Swaim, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melinda Vestal
Clerk to the Board

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Swaim called for a break.

Planning and Zoning- board appointments and setting of public hearing

Chairman Swaim tabled the board appointments.

The Board set a public hearing for February 21st at 7:00 p.m. for a proposed zoning amendment.

Mr. Bates reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Planning Board on January 24th at 6:00 p.m.

CJPP-budget amendment

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
CJPP	10-3301-2351	\$0	\$7,908	\$7,908
Capital Outlay-vehicles	10-4323-5400	\$0	\$7,908	\$7,908

Amend for monies received due to sale of vehicle by CJPP. These monies will be used to purchase another vehicle.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Tax Administration-refunds and adjustments

Name/reason	Year	County tax	Fire tax/code	Dis.late listing or interest	Total
Dwight Jerry Nance 121 Cedarbrook Rd Jonesville NC 28642 Does not own rebilled to Gerald Miller	99-03	\$101.64		\$25.52	\$127.16
Wendell Norman DBA Norman Auto Ser. 3828 Fall Creek Ch Rd Jonesville NC 28642 Did not buy veh until 3-04	04	\$41.14	\$4.69 A	\$4.58	\$50.41

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the refunds and adjustments. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Fire Marshal-personnel

Commissioner Sneed discussed the duties and workload of the Fire Marshal.

Commissioner Phillips inquired if the Fire Marshal was under the right department?

Mr. Wood stated the Board could discuss this issue more at the work session.

The Board added the Fire Marshal to the work session scheduled for January 27th. The session will start at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Wooten indicated he would also like to set a work session to discuss water/sewer, 5-D and other issues in order of importance.

Commissioner Phillips stated she would like to schedule a visit to the Pfafftown water plant.

Commissioner comments

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Party and appoint Leon Casstevens to serve on the Board of Commissioners swearing him in at the first meeting in February. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Sneed discussed the fire at the Austin Company and praised the fire departments that responded to the fire.

Commissioner Wooten requested an update on delinquent taxes. He discussed the NCGS about the writing off of taxes less than \$3.00 and presented the Board a resolution to support this statute.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to adopt the resolution regarding taxes under \$3.00. Commissioner Sneed seconded.**

Commissioner Phillips asked about mailing tax bills together when they are due the same month and to the same person?

The Board voted 4-0.

Commissioner Wooten asked if cast iron or pvc is being used in the new animal shelter?

Mr. Wood stated pvc.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to request a monthly report from Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, on activities in the county, i.e. contacts and**

**from whom, what the businesses looking for and what type of business.
Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Swaim discussed the Briefing in High Point.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood discussed the duties of the E&R Board.

Attorney Graham added the Property Tax Commission hears appeals if not resolved by the E&R Board.

The Board requested that Ms. Adams present recommendations of persons to serve on the E&R Board.

Mr. Wood requested the Board add a new job classification to the pay plan, Senior Appraiser.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the classification.
Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Recess

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to recess the meeting until January 24th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board